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David Werdegar, MD, MPH
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Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
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Dear Dr. Werdegar:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the OSHPD data on heart attack outcomes. The people that reviewed the information included the Chief of Staff, the Medical Director of Quality Management for the Emergency Department, the Nursing Executive, the Quality Management Director and the Director of Medical Records.

We reviewed the detailed statistical results and specifically the comparisons between Models "A" and "B." Although we found most of the data interesting, we feel that Model "B" is a better representation of our facility's performance because of our patient population and patient characteristics. We, therefore, request that Model "B" be used when disseminating this data.

Thank you again for giving us an opportunity to review the data and respond accordingly.

Sincerely,

V. Scott Stepberg Chief Executive Officer

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